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EAST AFRICA

Kenya

Court detains suspect linked to abduction of Cuban doctors

The court issued the directions after the Anti-Terror Police Unit claimed that the driver is suspected to have been involved in the abduction of doctors Assel Herera Correa and Landyz Rodrigues. According to ATPU, information gathered so far show that the suspect was involved in the plot to kidnap....

nation-ke 4:32:00 PM CEST

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Suspect-linked-abduction-Cuban-doctors-detained/1056-5072710-yder73/index.html>

Cuban doctors leave Lamu, Garissa and Wajir counties

The health workers in Wajir and Garissa were evacuated following a national security advisory. Garissa police boss Aaron Morasae disclosed that the team from Garissa left on Saturday morning, and it was not clear when they would resume work. Cuban doctors posted to counties bordering Somalia are....

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<https://www.nation.co.ke/counties/garissa/3444784-5072046-j1p92s/index.html>

How Al Shabaab Conducts Abductions in Kenya

Inside Al Shabaab: the history of Al-Qaeda's Most Powerful Ally, a book by Harun Maruf and Dan Joseph provides a vivid look at how the jihadist fundamentalist group based in East Africa conducts their abduction operations in Kenya. The kidnapping of the two Cuban doctors- Assel Herera Correa and....

kenyastar 14 Apr 2019

<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/38797-how-al-shabaab-conduct-abductions-kenya>

Mandera elders to negotiate release of abducted Cuban doctors

Dr Assel Herera Correa (left) a general physician and Dr Landy Rodriguez a surgeon. The two doctors were abducted in Mandera town on April 12, 2019. Shared intelligence indicated that the doctors were being held in El Adde in Gedow region, Somalia.

nation-ke 14 Apr 2019

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Elders-to-negotiate-release-of-Cuban-doctors/1056-5071794-o8otdlz/index.html>

Somalia

Somali Forces & U.S. Africa Command Conduct Airstrike Targeting Al-Shabaab

In coordination with the Federal Government of Somalia's continued efforts to degrade al-Shabaab, U.S. Africa Command conducted an airstrike in the vicinity of Garowle, Lower Shabelle Region, Somalia, on April 11, 2019. Airstrikes are one part of the U.S.

al-wihda 9:24:00 AM CEST

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Somali-Forces-U-S-Africa-Command-Conduct-Airstrike-Targeting-Al-Shabaab_a72227.html

Islamic State's Somalia's number 2 killed in air strike

An air strike has killed the Islamic State group's second in command in Somalia, the security minister in the northwest region of Puntland announced Sunday. "The air strike occurred near Hiririo village in the Iskushuban district of Bari region this afternoon where the commander Abdihakim Dhoqob....

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<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/africa/Abdihakim-Dhoqob-killed-in-Somalia/1066-5071896-f53pb9/index.html>

Le numéro 2 de l'EI en Somalie tué dans une frappe aérienne

Le commandant adjoint de l'organisation Etat islamique (EI) en Somalie, un groupe très modeste par rapport aux shebab affiliés à Al-Qaïda, a été tué dans une frappe aérienne dimanche, a rapporté le ministre de la Sécurité du Puntland (nord-est).

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<https://fr.africanews.com/2019/04/15/le-numero-2-de-l-ei-en-somalie-tue-dans-une-frappe-aerienne/>

US military campaign in Somalia could take seven more years to complete

US defense officials estimate that Washington's military campaign in Somalia could take seven years to complete, a new report has revealed, days after President Donald Trump extended the Pentagon's mission for allegedly combating terrorism in the horn of Africa nation.

globalsecurity 6:52:00 AM CEST

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2019/04/mil-190414-presstv02.htm>

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon

Cameroon intercepts about 30 passengers for alleged links to Boko Haram

Cameroon army arrested about 30 passengers in Far North region on Saturday night over suspected links to terror group Boko Haram during an impromptu road safety inspection, the region's governor Midjiyawa Bakary said on Sunday.

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http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/15/c_137977138.htm

Une quarantaine de membres de Boko Haram arrêtés au Cameroun

Une quarantaine de membres présumés de la secte terroriste Boko Haram ont été arrêtés sur le sol camerounais et actuellement détenus à Maroua dans l'Extrême-nord du pays, a appris APA lundi APA de sources sécuritaires. Des sources proches de l'enquête révèlent que ces présumés membres de Boko Haram....

journaldumali 12:09:00 PM CEST

<https://www.journaldumali.com/2019/04/15/une-quarantaine-de-membres-de-boko-haram-arretes-au-cameroun/>

Six killed in anti-separatism military operation in Cameroon's restive Anglophone region

At least six people were killed and several others injured early Sunday during an anti-separatism military operation in Ekona, a locality in Southwest, one of Cameroon's two war-torn English-speaking regions, local sources said. The army searched for secessionist-terrorists in the bushes and found them there.

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http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/15/c_137977131.htm

Chad

Boko Haram attack leaves at least seven soldiers dead in Chad

At least seven soldiers are reported to have been killed in an attack by extremist militant group Boko Haram in Chad. The raid was conducted at night in the Lake Chad area, and also left some 15 other soldiers wounded.

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<https://africa.cgtn.com/2019/04/15/boko-haram-attack-leaves-at-least-seven-soldiers-dead-in-chad/>

Sept militaires tués dans une attaque de Boko Haram

Au Tchad, l'armée a été attaquée par des éléments de Boko Haram dans la région du lac Tchad. Bilan : sept militaires ont été tués et quinze blessés. Cela fait trois semaines qu'il n'y a pas eu d'affrontements avec les islamistes, qui

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http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190415-tchad-sept-militaires-tues-une-attaque-boko-haram?fbclid=IwAR2_QCFz6fZNFvzAvjLLANaRCuIepO9EIto3Uarw_IadychhNj7wGEmhnSVI&ref=fb_i

Seven Chad soldiers, 63 jihadists killed in Boko Haram attack

The search for other attackers continues, army spokesperson Colonel Azem Bermendoa said. Boko Haram jihadists killed seven Chad soldiers and wounded 15 in an overnight attack that saw 63 "terrorists" killed in return, an army spokesperson told AFP on Monday.

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<https://citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/breaking-news/2118274/seven-chad-soldiers-63-jihadists-killed-in-boko-haram-attack/>

Le chef d'état-major déterminé à contrecarrer Boko Haram

Le nouveau chef d'état-major général des armées, Tahir Erda s'est rendu la semaine dernière en tournée dans la zone de défense n°4, à Bagasolla, dans la province du Lac. Accompagné de plusieurs officiers des forces armées, Taher Erda a réuni sur place les responsables militaires de la zone pour faire le point sur la stratégie de défense.

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https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Tchad-le-chef-d-etat-major-determine-a-contrecarrer-Boko-Haram_a72226.html

2 morts dans l'explosion d'une mine au nord

Deux personnes sont mortes ce samedi suite à l'explosion d'une mine, au passage d'un véhicule appartenant à un civil, à l'entrée de Miski, selon le comité d'auto-défense de Miski. Plusieurs autres personnes ont été blessées. La mine a été posée l'armée tchadienne.

al-wihda 14 Apr 2019

https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Tchad-2-morts-dans-l-explosion-d-une-mine-au-nord_a72223.html

WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Arbinda : un contrôleur de travaux enlevé

Dans la journée de ce dimanche 14 avril 2019 un groupe d'hommes armés ont enlevé un agent du bureau de contrôle des travaux du Programme d'Appui au Développement des Economies Locales (PADEL) a appris infowakat.net de sources sécuritaires.

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<https://infowakat.net/arbinda-un-controleur-de-travaux-enleve/>

Mali

Islamic State claims attack on Tuareg militia in Mali

In the first statement of its kind, the Islamic State has claimed the assassination of a commander within the Tuareg militia, the Movement for the Salvation of Azawad (MSA) in northern Mali on Friday. Published via the Islamic State's central media office, the jihadist group said that "The caliphate's

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<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/04/islamic-state-claims-attack-on-tuareg-militia-in-mali.php>

« **Au Mali, le monstre du terrorisme ethnique a ôté plus de vies que le djihadisme** »

Le Mali était en deuil, et ce bien avant la tuerie d'Ogossagou, dans le centre du pays. Toutes les communautés de cette région déshéritée et ravagée par des groupes armés aux allégeances diverses sont endeuillées depuis des années.

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https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2019/04/14/au-mali-le-monstre-du-terrorisme-ethnique-a-ote-plus-de-vies-que-le-djihadisme_5450086_3212.html

Nigeria

Troops Kill 27 Terrorists, Recover Weapons In Sustained Victory Against Insurgents

Troops of Sector 1 Operation Lafiya Dole, in a joint clearance operations with Cameroon Defence Force has in a sustained victory against Boko Haram Terrorists Killed 37 fighters and recovered weapons and ammunitions. The Acting Director Army Public Relations Colonel Sagir Musa in a statement said....

leadership 9:23:00 AM CEST

<https://leadership.ng/2019/04/15/troops-kill-27-terrorists-recover-weapons-in-sustained-victory-against-insurgents/>

No room for negotiation with bandits – Zamfara CP

The Commissioner of Police in Zamfara, Mr Celestine Okoye has said that the security agents in the state will not negotiate with the bandits terrorising the people of the state. Okoye made this position known on Sunday in Talata-Mafara while addressing newsmen shortly after a state Security Council meeting.

nrguardiannews 10:58:00 AM CEST

<https://guardian.ng/news/no-room-for-negotiation-with-bandits-zamfara-cp/>

NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Libyan commander Haftar meets Egypt's Sisi as fighting erupts near Tripoli

Members of the Libyan National Army are preparing to reinforce troops advancing on Tripoli on April 13, 2019. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on Sunday met in Cairo with Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar who is under intense international pressure to halt an advance on the capital Tripoli.

france24-en 8:52:00 AM CEST

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190415-libya-commander-haftar-egypts-sisi-fighting-tripoli>

Libya

Le bilan des victimes dans les affrontements à Tripoli s'élève à 147 morts

Cent quarante-sept personnes au total ont été tuées et 614 autres blessées dans les affrontements dans et autour de la capitale Tripoli, entre l'armée du gouvernement libyen soutenu par l'ONU et l'armée nationale libyenne (ANL) basée à l'est du pays, a déclaré l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) dimanche soir.

french-news 12:21:00 PM CEST

http://french.xinhuanet.com/2019-04/15/c_137978145.htm

UN says 146 killed in recent fighting over Libya's capital

The U.N. health agency says recent clashes between rival Libyan militias for control of the capital has killed 146 people this month, without saying whether they were civilians or fighters. The World Health Organization said Sunday that 614 others have been....

startribune 5:05:00 PM CEST

<http://www.startribune.com/un-says-146-killed-in-recent-fighting-over-libya-s-capital/508591642/>

Car Explosion Leaves Security Official Injured in Libya

The head of East Libya-based anti-terrorism agency was injured in a car explosion in Benghazi on Monday, according to a local security official. Colonel Adel Marfoua sustained slight injuries when a car exploded as he was passing by in eastern Benghazi, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

albawaba-en 5:15:00 PM CEST

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/car-explosion-leaves-security-official-injured-libya-1280036>

Tunisia

Terrorisme: Le ministre de l'Intérieur met en garde contre des "loups solitaires"

Le ministre tunisien de l'Intérieur Hichem Fourati a mis en garde contre de sérieuses menaces terroristes de la part des « loups solitaires » et des « cellules dormantes » du groupe Etat islamique (EI). Intervenant en marge d'une conférence internationale sur l'avenir sécuritaire au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique, M.

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<https://www.espacemanager.com/terrorisme-le-ministre-de-linterieur-met-en-garde-contre-des-loups-solitaires.html>

AMERICA

US

US terror label for Iran Revolutionary Guard takes effect

The U.S. terrorism label for Iran's Revolutionary Guard has taken effect amid a battle between the Trump administration and some in Congress over waivers on other sanctions. The Guard's formal designation as a "foreign terrorist organization" kicked in Monday with a notice published in the Federal Register.

TorontoStar 5:13:00 PM CEST

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/us/2019/04/15/us-terror-label-for-iran-revolutionary-guard-takes-effect.html>

ASIA

Azerbaijan

Terrorist groups in occupied Azerbaijani lands posing threat to world

Creation of terrorist groups in the occupied Azerbaijani territories and sending them to conflict zones poses a threat to the whole world, deputy prime minister, Chairman of Azerbaijan's State Commission on Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking Ali Hasanov said.

azernews 11:07:00 AM CEST

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/148945.html>

Iraq

"Les femmes de Daech étaient souvent pires que les hommes"

"Les femmes de l'EI nous apportaient des produits de maquillage avant que nous soyons violées." Chaque jour qui passe apporte son lot de révélations, plus horribles les unes que les autres, de ce qu'était le califat de l'Etat islamique. Ces crimes ont été perpétrés par des hommes

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<https://www.lecho.be/dossier/etatislamique/les-femmes-de-daech-etaient-souvent-pires-que-les-hommes/10117187.html>

Lebanon

Liban-Nord : des explosifs saisis dans un quartier de Tripoli

Des explosifs emballés dans des sacs ont été saisis lundi lors d'une perquisition de l'armée libanaise dans le sous-sol d'un bâtiment situé rue de Syrie, dans le quartier de Bab el-Tebbané, à Tripoli, au Liban-Nord, a rapporté l'Agence nationale d'information (Ani, officielle).

lorientlejour 12:33:00 PM CEST

<https://www.lorientlejour.com/article/1166485/liban-nord-des-explosifs-saisis-dans-un-quartier-de-tripoli.html>

Syria

ISIS Claims Killing 362 People in 3-day Revenge Attacks

ISIS has claimed to have killed 362 people in 92 attacks around the world in just three days following the collapse of its so-called 'caliphate'. The terror group said it used suicide bombers as well as landmines and assassins to carry out a 'revenge invasion' following its expulsion from Baghouz, Syria, last month.

albawaba-en 5:15:00 PM CEST

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/isis-claims-killing-362-people-3-day-revenge-attacks-1280013>

Une infirmière néo-zélandaise enlevée en Syrie en 2013 toujours recherchée

Le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge a lancé dimanche un appel pour savoir ce qu'il est advenu de trois de ses employés enlevés en Syrie en 2013, révélant qu'il

s'agissait d'une infirmière néo-zélandaise et de deux chauffeurs syriens. La Nouvelle-Zélande a fait savoir, lundi 15 avril, que ses....

france24 8:53:00 AM CEST

<https://www.france24.com/fr/20190415-nouvelle-zealande-syrie-infirmiere-akavi-enlevement-etat-islamique-crois-rouge>

Red Cross makes appeal for staff abducted in Syria

In its first detailed statement on the incident, it says Louisa Akavi, Alaa Rajab and Nabil Bakdounes were seized in October 2013 while travelling to Idlib province in north-western Syria.

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/amp/world-middle-east-47926715>

Red Cross appeals for information on three staff missing in Syria since 2013

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) appealed on Sunday for information on the whereabouts of three employees abducted in Syria more than five years ago and last known to have been held by Islamic State. Breaking its silence on the case, the independent....

reuters-in 9:15:00 AM CEST

https://in.reuters.com/article/syria-islamic-state-redcross/corrected-red-cross-appeals-for-information-on-three-staff-missing-in-syria-since-2013-idINKCN1RR04W?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FINworldNews+%28News+%2F+IN+%2F+World+News%29

IS kidnapped her five years ago - and she might be alive

International Committee of the Red Cross Louisa Akavi, a nurse from New Zealand who provided aid in Syria, was abducted by the Islamic State in October 2013. For months, employees of the International Committee of the Red Cross have made weekly visits to a detention camp in northern Syria bearing a photograph of a petite woman in her early 60s.

msn-uk 9:50:00 AM CEST

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/isis-kidnapped-her-5-years-ago-the-red-cross-thinks-she-may-still-be-alive/ar-BBVWks5>

Yemen

A deadly new jihadist rivalry takes root between al-Qaeda and IS
The Washington Post

The Islamic State and al-Qaeda are waging a deadly contest for territory, recruits and influence in Yemen that is dividing tribes and deepening instability in the Middle East's poorest nation, according to tribal leaders, security officials and analysts.

msn-uk 5:09:00 PM CEST

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/with-the-isis-caliphate-defeated-in-syria-an-islamist-militant-rivalry-takes-root-in-yemen/ar-BBVXrqi>

Yemen parties agree details of pullback plan

Yemen's government and Huthi rebels have accepted a detailed plan for a much-delayed pullback from the flashpoint city of Hodeida, the UN envoy said Monday, but no timetable was announced for the withdrawals. The redeployment of forces was agreed in December....

news-yahoo 5:08:00 PM CEST

<https://news.yahoo.com/yemen-parties-agree-details-pullback-plan-un-envoy-145033460.html>

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